

# State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education for Nurses in State Facilities (SNAPLE NSF) 2006-2007 New Applicant Fact Sheet



## What is SNAPLE NSF?

The SNAPLE NSF is a state-funded competitive registered nurse incentive program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). It is designed to encourage outstanding students to obtain their California Registered Nursing License and serve in an eligible position as a registered nurse in a state-operated facility with a registered nurse vacancy rate greater than 10 percent. This year CSAC will select up to 40 new participants for the program.

Under the provisions of the SNAPLE NSF program, CSAC will assume up to \$20,000 of outstanding educational loan balances. To be eligible, participants must work in an eligible position as a registered nurse in a state-operated facility with a registered nurse vacancy rate greater than 10 percent.

## What is an eligible position?

Eligible position means a position in a state-operated facility with a registered nurse vacancy rate greater than 10 percent that appears on the list of Approved Positions for the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education for Nurses in State Facilities provided by the CSAC.

## What is a state-operated facility?

“State Operated Facility” means a state-operated facility in California that:

- ♦ provides health care 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, including but not limited to prisons, psychiatric hospitals and veterans’ homes;
- ♦ employs registered nurses,
- ♦ has a vacancy rate greater than 10 percent of its registered nurse positions as determined by the state Department of Personnel Administration; and
- ♦ is included on the list of state-operated facilities with a registered nurse vacancy rate greater than 10 percent provided annually to CSAC by the state Department of Personnel Administration

## What are the eligibility criteria for SNAPLE NSF?

Applicants *must* meet the following eligibility criteria:

- **Have completed a minimum of 60 post-secondary semester units or the equivalent**
- Be making satisfactory academic progress.
- Be currently enrolled in or admitted to a pre-licensure nursing program in which he or she will be enrolled on a full-time basis each academic term as defined by the eligible institution and shall agree to maintain satisfactory academic progress or have completed a pre-licensure nursing program in the 2006-2007 award year.
- Sign a Loan Assumption Agreement (LAA) to become a registered nurse in an eligible position in a state-operated facility on a full-time basis for four consecutive years

## What are the selection criteria for SNAPLE NSF?

Schools may develop their own criteria and procedures for selecting and nominating participants. Students must be determined to have outstanding ability based on criteria that may include, but not be limited to: grade point average, test scores, interviews, faculty evaluations and other recommendations.

Points will be awarded: a) according to the length of time remaining until the applicant is expected to complete their pre-licensure nursing program, b) for enrollment in or completion of an accelerated program, c) for an outstanding balance on a need-based student loan, d) for grade point average, and e) for a completed baccalaureate degree. Awards will be made to applicants with the highest point totals. In the case of a tie in total number of points, CSAC will select based on the date the application is received by the Commission.

## How do SNAPLE NSF applicants apply?

- Applicants may obtain an application and submit the completed application to the office of the director of nursing program at their institution.
- Participating schools must submit their nominations to CSAC as soon as possible so that all available awards can be made by June 30, 2007.

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## **How are participants notified?**

CSAC reviews and scores all applications submitted by the participating schools. All selected participants will be sent a LAA signed by CSAC. Participants must sign the LAA, agreeing to provide up to four consecutive years of full-time service. The LAA also stipulates that CSAC authorizes loan assumption payments, provided participants comply with all requirements for the SNAPLE SNF program.

**Note:** *Because of time constraints for this award year, an LAA is enclosed with the Application. It is to be signed and returned with the Application Packet, pending selection and acceptance as a participant by CSAC.*

## **How are loan assumption benefits received by participants?**

To receive maximum loan assumption (SNAPLE NSF) benefits, a participant must serve as a registered nurse in an eligible position in a state-operated facility with a greater-than-10 percent vacancy rate of registered nurses on a full-time basis for four consecutive years.

SNAPLE NSF payments are made after a participant receives their California Registered Nurse license and provides a year of full-time service. CSAC will make payments once a year directly to the lending institution(s) after all employment and loan information is verified. Based on the participant's June 30 outstanding loan balance(s) CSAC will authorize SNAPLE NSF payments up to:

- ♦ \$5,000 after completion of the first full year of eligible full-time service in an eligible position as a registered nurse in an state-operated facility (to be eligible for assumption benefits, loan(s) must be disbursed prior to the date of the registered nurse license of the participant).
- ♦ \$5,000 after completion of the second full year of eligible full-time service in an eligible position as a registered nurse in an state-operated facility (to be eligible for assumption benefits, loan(s) must be disbursed prior to the date of the registered nurse license of the participant).
- ♦ \$5,000 after completion of the third full year of eligible full-time service in an eligible position as a registered nurse in an state-operated facility (to be eligible for assumption benefits, loan(s) must be disbursed prior to the date of the registered nurse license of the participant).
- ♦ \$5,000 after completion of the fourth full year of eligible full-time service in an eligible position as a registered nurse in an state-operated facility (to be eligible for assumption benefits, loan(s) must be disbursed prior to the date of the registered nurse license of the participant).

**Note:** SNAPLE NSF program participants must continue to meet their scheduled payment on all student loans throughout their participation in the program, unless they make other arrangements with their lender(s), until notified by their lender(s) that their loan(s) are paid in full. CSAC does not reimburse for any payment made by SNAPLE NSF program participants.

## **In what ways can the SNAPLE NSF benefit *not* be used?**

SNAPLE NSF benefits are *not* available for: Parent (Plus) loans, lines of credit, home equity loans, credit card debt and other general consumer loans, business loans, personal loans, or mortgages.

## **Questions about the SNAPLE NSF program?**

**You can contact CSAC:**

**By mail at:**

California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs Operations Branch  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova CA, 95741-9029

**By telephone** toll-free at:

1-888-224-7268 option 3

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